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WE STRONGLY ENDORSE LOWMAN'S VIEW THAT THE USG SUPPORT A PROMPT AND POSITIVE REPLY FROM THE UNHCR RE ASSISTANCE TO THE MALAYSIAN RED CRESCENT SOCIETY. LATTER HAS BEEN THE SPARKPLUG OF MALAYSIAN HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS, NOT ONLY IN TERMS OF PHYSICAL CARE OF REFGUEES BUT - EQUALLY IMPORTANT - AS A VERY EFFECTIVE POLITICAL PRESSURE GROUP TO ASSURE THE GOM'S CONTINUED FIRST-ASYLUM POLICY. THE SOCIETY HAS BEEN OF INVALUABLE ASSISTANCE TO THE UNHCR (AND TO US) ON THE GROUND HERE, AND, AS LOWMAN POINTS OUT, ITS CONTINUED COOPERATION IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL. THERE IS NO RPT NO QUESTION IN OUR MINDS THAT ANY AND ALL ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE TO THE SOCIETY WOULD BE USED TO MAXIMUM EFFECTIVENESS.

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